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The Honorable Ernest Istook, Jr.
119 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Istook:

Firstly, let me congratulate you on the remarkable progress you have made on the Religious Liberties Amendment. I feel honored to have been able to support you in this milestone.

I heartily endorse the proposed language for the Religious Freedom Amendment. I want to stress as a Jew how proud and privileged I feel to live in a country whose leaders like yourself are eager for these hallowed words to become law. It is precisely the commitment to God and the devotion to prayer that have made the United States of America the most tranquil and gracious home that the Jewish people have enjoyed during the past 2,000 years. May God bless you and your work.

Do let me know if there is anything at all I can do to be of assistance to you in the crucial work of assuring the religious right of all Americans, regardless of faith.

Sincerely your friend



Rabbi Daniel Lapin
President